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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW
the 28th March, 1889, at 11 A.M., at the
Kewdon Gowdon Company's Showrooms,
Kewdon,
FOR ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
Ex Steamship *Edinburgh*, *Erskine*
I White—1,701 bundles Belgian NAILROADS
II do. = 354 do. do. do.
I Yellow= 752 do. do. do.
II do. = 1,241 do. do. do.
I Green = 529 do. do. do.
II do. = 1,013 do. do. do.
I Blue = 609 do. do. do.

6,090 bundles,
all more or less damaged by Sea Water.
TERMS OF SALE—CASH.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong. 27th March, 1889. [615]

**HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the **STANDARD TUTORIAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Company required to be held within four months after registration will be held at the Company's Registered Office in Victoria Building, 7, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on **SATURDAY, the 5th April** next, at 12 o'clock Noon.

And Notice is further given that an **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of the Company will be held at the same place, on the same day, at 12 o'clock p.m., when the following Special Resolutions will be proposed, viz:—

1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$5,000, (\$500) by the issue of 10,000 Shares of \$50 each, on which

New Shares First Call \$50

50 per Share shall be payable in such

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ed shares, and also the remainder (if any) said 12,500 New Shares, shall be disposed

3.—That, the remaining 12,500 new shares shall be offered to the Public in such a manner, and on such conditions as the Board may determine, but so that the First-
 4.—That all premia on the said New Shares shall be carried to the Reserve Fund mentioned in Article No. 98 of the Company's Articles of Association.

ALEXANDER LEVY,
 Secretary (pro tem.),
 Hongkong, 27th March, 1889.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
 FOR MANILA YEA AMOY.
 THE Company's Steamship
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Mr. G. Tayler, will be despatched for the
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 The **FIRST COMPETITION** will take
 place **NEXT SATURDAY, 30th March,** at
 4 o'clock P.M.
 Outstanding Competitors must send in their
 entrance fee to the **HONORARY SECRETARY**
 at 4 o'clock P.M. **NEXT FRIDAY, 29th inst.**
 Competitors who have not paid their Subscription
 for the current year will not be allowed to com-
 pete.
A. SHELTON HOOPER.

Hon. Secretary,
o/o Hongkong Club.

ongkong, 25th March, 1889. [89]

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.**

**JUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE
YEAR, 1888.**

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the undersigned with a statement of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1888, in order that the distribution of Bonus may be arranged. Re-claim not rendered prior to the 30th day of March instant will be adjusted by the Office on Claims or Alterations will be subsequent-ly submitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office Ltd.
ongkong, 1st March, 1889. [455]

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th, 1889.

fending himself against what he
 to term "vituperative rhetoric." Sir
 M. De Vaux has allowed his im-
 of temper to betray him into the ac-
 tion of what to him may be uncon-
 siderable. He has been guilty of the
 same. In closing his despatch to
 the Secretary of State on the prohibition of
 raised concern at the Government Civil
 Lord, are the facts of the case that
 the Government have been guilty of
 variety in the flowers of vituperative
 (or, of which I enclose some choice
 taken from local newspapers pub-
 isately as last week." One of the
 res is the *Daily Press* of the 15th
 In that case we reproduced the
 "The Daily Press," which gives no
 marks, and without one word of
 or endorsement. As every news-
 reader knows, a journal is not respon-
 or opinions expressed in quotations
 contemporaries, any more than it is
 the Government. It is not possible
 so simply as a piece of news, or the
 tion that our readers would be inter-
 pursuing the comments of a London

imputation of using a public institution for the purpose of returning private civilities." His Excellency further says that "it is to be observed that the manner in which the intimation of this concert was conveyed seemed as to render it doubtful whether the officials of the Government had actually had heard of it at all until after it had taken place, but for the fact that the Governor returned to the colony a week before he was expected." In an earlier part of the despatch he mentioned that the Colonial Secretary, Mr. G. A. H. Murray, was leaving the Government during the Governor's absence, informed His Excellency that he had received a similar intimation to that addressed to himself. Clearly "therefore there can be no justification for the observation we have just made." The despatch concludes with a very intemperate of a desire to conceal the fact of the concert having been arranged. Lastly His Excellency concludes with the paragraph about the "amusing" (evidently far from amusing to the Governor)—"superficially" (evidently not superficially)—"rhetoric" (a pretentious phrase wholly unjust in its application to at least one of the journals mentioned by name.

the money in foreign pounds, one or other of which would be immediately convertible into Canadian cable will probably not be laid for several years, unless the Imperial Government, being first in the field, from a commercial point of view, and strategically from the fact that it would be a direct cable, an unbroken telegraphic communication through the British territory from London to Hongkong, should undertake the enterprise. In any case, however, the value of a direct cable between Hongkong and Singapore would not be the least partially augmented by the provision of a Canadian cable, which would be secure to the Imperial Government in alternate use of direct communication, through British territory, with India and Australasia. It is therefore profoundly to be hoped that the suggested cable will neither be abandoned nor will it be delayed. It is to be hoped, moreover, when laying this line, to allow it to touch at Kudat, in British North Borneo, and thus bring that rising state into telegraphic communication with the rest of the world.

II.

In connection with our remarks in yesterday's issue on the subject of a direct cable

Mr. EBE read section 50, which provides that every person who shall erect a new domestic building shall cause the same to be provided with a means of escape in case of fire, and shall enter the exterior air and not into the building. He proposed that a recommendation be made to the Government to the effect that houses annexed to the main building should be provided with a door or open space wherein to build a privy some provision should be made for that purpose, and that this was not soundly practical, rather that the houses should be made to have a door which would be better to allow it open into the house with the proper wooden door and a window opening to the exterior air. At the last meeting of the Legislative Council, Mr. EBE had suggested that people should go outside to the public latrines. Now, he was satisfied in view of accommodation having the same kind of entrance the Chinese could have the latrines in their rooms and use them for their beds. He thought it a horrible custom, and one that should be altered. He was in doubt where he found it, but he was sure of nothing more than that the reason in the kitchen was not a single particle of air could get to it except through the kitchen, for there was no other means of escape, and that the people were cooking alongside, and the smell was horrible. It was a most disgusting arrangement and should be altered.

The President seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Section 54, regarding the description of receptacle, was considered and a recommendation made thereon.

The Board then adjourned.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on the 22nd instant. There were present:—

His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR WILLIAM DE VERA, C.M.G.
HON. G. STUBBS, LL.D., Colonial Secretary.
HON. A. J. LEACH, Acting Attorney-General.
HON. H. E. WOODHOUSE, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Treasurer.
MR. A. N. H. ELY, MR. L. LINDEM, Acting Residents.
MR. C. A. STEELE.
HON. WONG SHING.
HON. C. P. CRABTREE.
HON. J. BELL-BLWING.
HON. B. LAYTON.
MR. A. SEXTON, Clerk of Councils.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read

It is all probable that these charges will reach no large total or anything like it; but in setting forth the benefits of the scheme, the Governor has not forgotten, if at all, on the side of understanding.

There is, however, another baneful result which may be fairly added, as though principally in the way of a warning. It is a result of an appreciable one, viz: the greatly improved appearance in the front of the Town which will be brought about by the supervision to be exercised in respect of the character of the buildings erected.

In view of this catalogue of advantages, it need not be doubted that the prosecution of this scheme will be found to be "for the public purpose" as defined by the Ordinance, and the question whether the lot-holders should receive somewhat more or less profit would seem after all to be a question of expediency. It should not be allowed to be permitted for a moment to stand in the way of so vast a public improvement.

For against the expected profits of the private parties, there will be set off the following means alike, which they will have to incur in respect of typewriters and other accidents; while as regards both the rent to be paid by the lot-holders, and the interest on the money for the streets, which the public will obtain free of cost, the conditions under which this work will be undertaken are at least as good as the conditions under which the lot-holders obtain the

to the present moment I do not intend to say more, as on the first reading it is not a subject for discussion. The whole principle of the Ordinance is combated.

The HONORABLE SECRETARY seconded the motion for the first reading, which was carried unanimously.

THE BERLIN LADIES' MISSION BILL.

A Bill for the incorporation of the Director, of Hongkong, of the Berlin Ladies' Mission for China passed through all remaining stages.

THE PRISONERS' BILL.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have to move, Sir, the second reading of this Bill. The object of the Bill is to provide for the better management of the prisoners in the part of subordinate officers in the prison by providing punishments or neglect of duty or appropriation of their arms or accoutrements or resignations or desertions. The Bill provides for a maximum fine of \$200 or imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months. No doubt the efficiency of the Prisons will be very much improved, but the object of the Government is to give the Magistrate power to fine the accused as may be anything fit on the merits of each case and according to the circumstances of the offence.

The HONORABLE SECRETARY seconded.

His EXCELLENCY—It might be mentioned, that a warder lately went away with a considerable sum of money, and I am sorry to say, unfortunately, we have no legal means of punishment.

